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# WEATHER & CROPS



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## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 9, 2004

It was a typical week for Virginia, as scattered rain showers drifted across the State this week. Most areas experienced under one inch of rain and the average temperature high ranged between 80 and 90 degrees. The warm weather and timely showers allowed for good progress in the field crops. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. However, despite the recent rainfall, a rapid return to atypical dry conditions persist in several counties. Earlier in the week, some regions reported light frost. This frost caused some damage to apple orchards and hay fields. Overall, farmers are optimistic; grain prices are up and crop conditions look good. Other farming activities included spraying orchards and vineyards, fertilizing small grains, scouting for diseases, preparing land for soybeans, cotton, and peanuts, and strawberry producers running “u-pick” operations.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
May 9, 2004	2	11	76	11
May 2, 2004	0	7	81	12
April 25, 2004	0	12	78	10
April 18, 2004	1	8	72	19
April 11, 2004	8	18	65	9

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	0	2	19	62	17
Livestock	0	3	20	69	8
Other Hay	1	3	23	59	14
Alfalfa Hay	1	3	26	57	13
Winter Wheat	0	4	19	55	22
Barley	0	4	23	53	20
Tobacco Greenhouse	0	1	8	68	23
Tobacco Plantbeds	0	6	16	51	27
All Apples	0	0	76	23	1
Peaches	0	3	40	56	1
Grapes	0	3	9	85	3

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Corn Planted	67	57	60	67
Corn Emerged	43	23	33	NA
Soybeans Planted	10	3	5	7
Winter Wheat - Headed	75	28	46	NA
Flue Cured Tobacco Transplanted	37	18	29	34
Burley Tobacco Transplanted	9	5	5	6
Dark Fire-Cured Tobacco Transplanted	17	4	8	16
Sun Tobacco Transplanted	11	NA	NA	12
Peanuts Planted	24	7	24	43
Cotton Planted	67	40	53	67

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WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	87	40	59	-2	0.46	-0.31	2
The Plains	84	39	58	-2	1.28	0.37	2
Winchester 7 SE	86	34	58	-2	1.52	0.71	3
Dale Enterprise	85	36	58	-2	0.26	-0.51	3
WESTERN							
Glasgow	89	40	62	1	0.30	-0.52	2
Roanoke AP	89	43	64	4	0.07	-0.84	2
Waynesboro	85	39	60	2	0.27	-0.56	2
Staunton AG	86	37	59	1	0.28	-0.55	2
CENTRAL							
Somerset	87	39	60	-2	0.76	-0.23	2
Piedmont Res ST	86	38	61	0	1.02	0.03	1
Bremo Bluff	94	34	62	1	1.12	0.24	3
Richmond AP	90	41	63	-1	1.23	0.39	2
EASTERN							
Eastville	83	48	62	-2	0.61	-0.09	4
Wallops Island	87	41	59	-4	0.59	-0.10	4
Williamsburg	89	43	66	3	0.90	-0.07	2
Keysville	90	40	63	3	1.82	0.98	2
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	83	36	57	2	0.17	-0.74	1
Wytheville	81	29	57	-1	0.07	-0.84	1
Saltville	86	31	58	-1	0.43	-0.59	1
Richlands	83	30	57	4	0.79	-0.21	2
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	91	33	61	0	0.64	-0.41	2
Danville AG	91	39	63	-2	1.08	0.24	2
Chatham	88	32	59	-2	0.35	-0.59	3
Martinsville	89	31	60	-2	0.55	-0.40	3
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	87	47	63	-1	1.11	0.27	2
Oceana	87	45	62	-1	1.02	0.16	2
Emporia	89	42	63	2	1.42	0.61	2
Newport News	89	43	61	-3	0.70	-0.14	2

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.  
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.